

## SENATE RESOLUTION 74

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mary “Lee” Leavell of Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to recognize those Tennessee high school students who, through their commitment to academic excellence and community involvement, have distinguished themselves as leaders among their peers; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable student is Mary “Lee” Leavell; a senior at Hutchison School in Memphis, Ms. Leavell has worked assiduously through her school, local churches, and various service organizations to effect positive change in the lives of others, both locally and abroad; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Hutchison community, Lee has participated in a number of extracurricular activities and clubs at her school, including the Spanish Club, the Multicultural Student Association, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the International Culinary Society, and Bridge Builders; she has played on her school's varsity tennis team since her freshman year, and Lee has also played recreational basketball and soccer; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers at Hutchison, Lee served as the President of her ninth-grade class, the President of Student Life, a Gold Team representative, and a staff member of the Lantern, her school's yearbook; she was also recently selected to attend the Tennessee Association of Independent Schools Leadership Conference at the University of the South; and

WHEREAS, Lee has transformed her personal faith into action and service in many ways; she has been a member of the youth groups at both Independent Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Church, and with fellow congregants of Independent Presbyterian, Lee has traveled several times to Mexico on mission trips; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a Vacation Bible School teen helper for the past four years, and she has led third-grade, seventh-grade, and eighth-grade Bible study classes at various times; she is a member of Young Life as well; and

WHEREAS, Lee has participated in the Race for the Cure, and she has volunteered her time at the Emmanuel Tutoring Center, the Overton Nursing Home, and the Perea School Christmas Party; and

WHEREAS, given the many hours Ms. Leavell has spent contributing to the good of her community, it is little wonder that she is a member of the Hutchison School Ascensus Society, which honors those students who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Lee Leavell obviously does not waste a moment of her young life, but she always finds the time to spare for a smile, a friendly greeting, and a kind word; her compassion is as evident in her disposition as it is in her acts of selfless service; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Ms. Leavell, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and recognize Mary “Lee” Leavell for her innumerable contributions to the people of Memphis, this State, and the wider world as well, congratulate her on her upcoming graduation from Hutchison School, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.